

## **6-B** The Family of God

**EPH 3:14** For this reason **I bow my knees to the FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole FAMILY in heaven and earth is named,**

One enters an earthly, natural family either through **BIRTH, MARRIAGE, or ADOPTION**. Remarkably, the Bible teaches that we enter God's family in **ALL THREE** of these ways! We are **BORN** of the Holy Spirit, **BETROTHED IN MARRIAGE** to the lamb, Jesus Christ, and will be **ADOPTED** by our Father in Heaven. You are **BORN** as a result of a love relationship between your father and mother, after your father implants a **SEED** in the womb of your mother. The same is true with spiritual birth: the **SEED** is the Word of God, and your mother is **the Church, the bride of Christ**. We are **BORN AGAIN** after we receive the **WORD** in our hearts, and then actually represent the **SEED (offspring) OF THE WOMAN**.

1. **IPE 1:23** having been **BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible SEED (spora) but incorruptible, through the word (logos) of God** which lives (*zao*) and abides forever,
2. **IPE 2:2** as newborn babes, **desire the pure milk of the word (logikos), that you may grow thereby,**
3. **JOH 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right (*exousia*) to become children (*teknon*) of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 **who were born (gennao), not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh (sarx), nor of the will of man, but of God (theos).**
4. **JOH 3:4** Nicodemus said to Him, “**How can a man be BORN (gennao) when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?**” 5 **Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born (gennao) of water and the Spirit (pneuma), he cannot enter the kingdom of God.** 6 “**That which is born of the flesh is flesh (sarx), and that which is BORN of the Spirit is spirit (pneuma).** 7 “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘**You must be BORN AGAIN.**’
5. **IJO 3:9** **Whoever has been BORN (gennao) OF GOD does not sin, for His SEED (sperma) remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been BORN OF GOD.**
6. **IJO 5:1** **Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is BORN (gennao) OF GOD,** and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 4 For **whatever is born of God overcomes the world.** And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 **Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

**You are BETROTHED IN MARRIAGE to the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ.**

7. **2CO 11:2** For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For **I have BETROTHED (harmozo) you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.**
8. **ISA 54:5** For **your Maker is YOUR HUSBAND, The Lord of hosts is His name;** And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. 6 For **the Lord has called you Like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, Like a youthful wife when you were refused.**” Says your God.
9. **JER 3:14** “Return, O backsliding children,” says the Lord; “for **I am MARRIED to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.**
10. **HOS 2:19** “**I will BETROTH you to Me forever; Yes, I will BETROTH you to Me In righteousness and justice,** In lovingkindness & mercy; 20 **I will BETROTH you to Me in faithfulness,** And you shall know the Lord.
11. **ROM 7:4** Therefore, **my brethren (adelphos), you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be MARRIED (gameo) to another—to Him who was raised from the dead,** that we should bear fruit to God.
12. **EPH 5:25** **Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,** 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 **that He might present her to Himself a glorious church (ekkllesia), not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.** 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For **we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.** 31 “**For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.**” 32 **This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church (ekkllesia).**

**You are promised ADOPTION to the FATHER**

13. **ROM 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but **you received the Spirit of ADOPTION by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”** 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **eagerly waiting for the ADOPTION, the redemption of our body.**
14. **IJO 3:1** **Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called CHILDREN OF GOD!** Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 **Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.** 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

15. **2CO 6:18** “I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty.”
16. **REV 21:7** “He who OVERCOMES shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall BE MY SON.”
17. **HEB 12:4** You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”

### Related Scriptures

18. **GEN 3:13** And the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” 14 So the Lord God said to the serpent:....I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between YOUR SEED and HER SEED; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.” 16 To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.” 20 And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
19. **ROM 8:29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the FIRSTBORN among many brethren (adelphos). 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.
20. **GAL 3:26** For you are all SONS OF GOD through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ’s, then you are ABRAHAM’S SEED (sperma), and heirs according to the promise.
21. **HEB 2:10** For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many SONS to glory, to make the captain of their salvation (soteria) perfect through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren (adelphos), 12 saying: “I will declare Your name to My brethren (adelphos) ; In the midst of the ASSEMBLY (ekklesia) I will sing praise to You.” 13 And again: “I will put My trust in Him.” And again: “Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.”
22. **ACT 17:26** “And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 “so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope FOR HIM and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 “for IN HIM we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His OFFSPRING (genos).’”
23. **ROM 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are SONS OF GOD. 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are CHILDREN OF GOD, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.
24. **JOH 12:24** “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. 25 “He who loves his life (psuche) will lose it, and he who hates his life (psuche) in this world (kosmos) will keep it for eternal (aionios) life (zoe).
25. **EPH 1:5** having predestined us to ADOPTION as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.
26. **ROM 8:22** For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for THE ADOPTION, THE REDEMPTION OF OUR BODY. 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. 26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
27. **REV 12:1** Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a WOMAN clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. 2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. 3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. 5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. 6 Then the WOMAN fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days. (42 months) 17 And the dragon was enraged with the WOMAN, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring (seed--spermia), who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.
28. **ISA 54:1** “Sing, O barren (woman), You who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, You who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate Than the children of the married woman,” says the Lord. 2 “Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your

dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes. 3 For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And **your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited.**